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On December 16th, at Shanghai, GAVIN LINDSAY Campbell, to Elsie Forbes.

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Ho GEONA, DECEMBER 24TH, 1907.

In his new book, "American Banking," M EMIL S. FISCHER makes reference to "the America at the end of 1907." The articles sequence of recent years their numbers have are reprinted from the Peking and Tientein | enormously increased. It is quite natural Times. Mr. Fischer, who has been actively in these disastrous days of collapse that one engaged with Financial Associations in or other of these could not hold itself. his own name in North China, is from his the call rate from day to day of 100 per by 529 persons and the Museum by 3,746. wide experience admirably equipped to give an intelligent account of the causes which have led up to the recent financial capsize in New York. It is, of course, in a pamphlet extending over only 17 pages impossible to give more than the merest sketch of the financial conditions prevailing at New York, but considering the small space at his disposal he has given an admirable summary. The causes were not altogether local,

but were the outcome of conflicting laws, as well as the sequelæ of a long period during which the fundamental principles of national finance were but indifferently comprehended

in the States. National finance as a science is a plant of but slow growth, and it reflects no discredit on the States that the principles of the Higher Finance can hardly be said to have taken root in America prior to the conclusion of the great Civil War half a century ago. It is therefore a subject of little wonder that some of the old prejudices should still remain in a semi-dormant condition. Conformably with the original conception of the United States as a group of separate and independent republics with little more bond of connection than was actually necessary for mutual protection against outside attuck, each State was left free to form its own internal administration, and make its own laws; and the thought of might have been looked upon as una federal bank for the control of the financial impeachable, did there exist a definite rule affairs of the Union generally never entered | limiting the investments to real entate or the thoughts, even, of the earlier admini- corresponding securities. Unfortunately strators. It was not, indee!, till the Civil many of the most influential of the directors War forced on the country generally the were men belonging to the great trusts who necessity of establishing some system of have been accustomed, owing to their financial control extending over the entire Union, that any such want was experienced. This was sufficiently for the needs of the period, accomplished by strengthening the hands, and increasing the responsibilities of the Secretary to the Treasury. The close of the war found the country flooded with paper money, which hal been issued in practically unlimited amounts towards the end, and this had rapidly det riorated in value, and was becoming a menace to the well being of the entire Union. To effect a return to cash payments, without further rising suspicions on the part of the State Governments was the difficult problem that faced the Secretary to the Treasury. To suggest a State Bank on the model of the Bunk of England or Banque de France was in the condition of public feeling not to be thought of, and such was the jealousy of the State administrations that no project to render State Banks amenable to Federa control from Washington could hope to pass Congress. Still all felt that something must be done, and the conclusion arrived at was to authorise the establishment in the States of banks to be known as National Banks alongside the State Banks, -that is the banks chartered by the various States within their own territory, and subject only to State laws and State control. These National Banks, on the contrary, were to be independent of the S at laws and control, were to be chartered from Washington American developments from the duplicate | day at a profit of nearly £4,000, and I am direct, and to be under the immediate inspection of officers appointed by the Treasury, who were given full powers of inspection at any time, and very efficient control which they were bound to put in practice. In return for this the National Banks were authorised to issue notes, which were to be legal tender, but against which they had always to keep a corresponding amount of Government accurities, or actual c in. The Bankers generally complained that these rules were too stringent, and would defeat their own purpose: Government, however, persevered, and several of

Alongside these are the ordinary State Banks, subject to the laws of the particular State. For the most part the Sate laws provide for periodical inspections, but these are by no mouns of the exhaustive descriptin required by Washington. Regarding these Mr. FISCHER tells us:-"Trust Companies possess charters from State Governments which give them by FREDERICK MOULE, second son of Bishop Moule, far a larger latitude and freed im of activity. They generally have very powerful fluancial interests as their backing. It is by asking State Governments for charters that the nowerful political backing plays its rô'e. The first trust company in New York was chartered by special act of the Legislature in 1822, and all trust companies up to 1872 were under special law. It depends upon the State politicians to get privileges which place these trust companies in the position of doing business mounting to figures of financial disasters in the United States of great magnitude; and as a natural con-South America, Shanghai, and New York They had not enough cash reserve in their since 1900, and is now doing business under waults, and were unable to get cash, even at cent per annum, and found themselves compe'led to close their doors so as to save the

these banks came into existence, and have

holdings of the bank from greater loss." science of finance had in fact been granting charters, mainly from political influences. which while professing to safeguard depositors and others, permitted things to be. done contrary to sound finance, and inconsistent with themselves He cites as an in his stead,

example the Knickerbocker Trust Company of New York, whose collapse was the immediate cause of the disastrous panic that for three weeks ruled New York. Under its charter the institution was legal depository for State, City, and Court funds; it could hold on trust any real or personal estate, act as executor of deceased estates, trustee, guardian, or as assignes of bankrupt estates, and could undertake the management and control of minors, lunation and idiots. All these were perfectly strictly limited the disposal of the funds in of incapacity. the hands of the Trust to kindred purposes, the institution would undoubtedly have proved a public benefit. Unfortunately the State Legislature had not the requisite financial knowledge, and placed to strictions, on the kind of securities in which the Trust was permitted to deal. board of Directors contained names that personal influence, to override the State legislators, and associated with these were a set of executive officers-smart men, as men are considered so on the New York Stock Exchange. The result was that Knickerbocker Trust in addition to its primary business of trusteeship, commenced to run in wild competition with the Banks. Now two more inconsistent businesses could not exist. As a matter of necessity the securities of a trust association are immoveable, and only realisable by deliberation and on an unexcited market. On the other hand the necessary condition of existence of a bank is that its securities shall be at all times liquid, and never liable to become rigid or sluggish. Or this account the institution was not recognised by the New York Clearing House, a voluntary as sociation of the leading banks, including tone, and the whole of the rest of the shipping the National Banks. For the purpose of being admitted each bank has to hold at least 25 per cent of its in lebte luses to depositors in cash, and so undergo an audit every week when its financial condition is published. Naturally to a trust institution such as the Knickerbocker institution was fundamentally there could be no possibility of its doing this. But this very fact gave it an unfair advantage over the real banks, in aiding concerns that did not desire publicity; and an unscrupalous President took advantage of the opening. The lesson then to be learned from the New York crash is the weakness inherent in many of these system of Federal and State legislation and practise. What may be perfectly legitimate as seen from New York may be highly reprehensible when viewed from Washington, and vice-versa. Fortunately the nation at large is not blind to the evils engendered of double cortrol, and the natural remedy in the gradual extension of Federal over State control is growing steadily from day to-day. Still many important influences are ranged on the sile of the -present was!eful system, and most-noteworthy and influential of these are the trusts which strive to monopolise and centre in their own nominees the entire industry of the country. The downfall of the New York Banks is only one of the minor effects of a generally unhealt y system; but has probably done a great deal to opening the

The mail via Siboria yesterday delivered London advices dated Nov. 26th, (27 days).

public eye to the necessity of some radical

The Rotterdam Dock strikers have decided to accept the terms of the employers' union and to resume work.

Last week's communicable disease amounted to three cases of smallpox, one of diphtheria. and one of enteric fever.

The cruisers "Hawke," Capt. O. F. Gillett, and " rescent," Capt. C. F. Henderson, left Portsmouth on November 23 with reliefs for the

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 22nd December, 1907, shows that of non-Chinese there were 394 to the Library and 228 to the Museum: and of Chinese 135 to the former and 3,518 to the latter. The Library was therefore used

A number of merchants of Shantung province have sent notice to the Peking Government to The State Legislatures unskilled in the the effect that H. E. Wn Ting-ping, Acting Governor of that province, is an incapable official who does not know how to discharge his duties, except "to fister foreigners especially the Germans." In conclusion the petitioners request the Government to remove him without delay and to appoint an "enlightened" official

At the offices of the Public Works Depart, TELEGRAMS. ment yesterday afternoon Inland Lot No. 1780 which has an area of 27,607 square feet, was offered for sale by public auction. The purchasers were Messre. Palmer and Turner, who obtained the lot for \$11,540, being \$50 above the upset price.

A dispatch from Wachang states the H.E. Liang Ting-fen, Provincial Judge of Hupeh is resolved to resign his post and will send his whole family out of the province in a few days as he has received a private letter from Peking to the effect that he has been denounced to the legitimate functions, and had the charter Throne by H.E. Yuan Shih kai on the charge

> The "Boersen Courier" states that the Hamburg. American Line has bought the patent rights of the Schlick gyroscope, and appliance for nullifying the rolling of ships at sea, and has ordered the Vulcan works at Stattin to build an appuratus, at a cost of 150,0 0 marks (£7,500) for justalistion on board the North Sea steamer 'Silvana.'

A fire occurred at Telegraph Bay on Saturday which demolished ten matsheds in which six hinese families lived. The outbreak was caused by a Chinese girl throwing a lighted match on to a curtain, and was not discovered until the flames had a good hold, by which time the combined efforts of the villagers were unable to extinguish the fire until their homes been burnt to the ground. The damage is held to-day. estimated at \$1000.

It will be remembered that an Imperial Rescript was recently issued through the Grand Council urging H.E. Tsen Ch'un-henen [Shum] ex-Viceroy of the Liangkang provinces, to go up to Peking for an audience. The Central Government is in receipt of a telegram from his Excellency stating that he will obey the Imperial command as soon as he has entirely recovered from the present seizure of the illness to which he is chronically subject,

The total number of versels entering and leaving the port of Hamburg during 1906 was 23,2 5, with a tonnage of 17,550,000 tons. The vessels entering Hamburg numbered 11,492, with a total tonnage of 9,884,070 tone, while 11,733 vessels left the port, and their tonnage was 7,666,000 tons. The vessels trading between Hamburg and the other German ports numbered 6,522, with a total tonnage of 1,3 1,000 trade was between Hamburg and the rest of the world.

A new militant suffragette policy of public protest against the "trial of voteless women by man-made liws" has commenced in London police-courts. This propagated is being carried out by members of the Women's Freedom League, one of whose planks is that "judicial administration without representation is despotism." Scenes took place not only in London, but also in Scotland, and reports of similar demonstrations from various provincial policecourts in England are also to hand,

A Metal Exchange reader considers the tin of Hougkong. outlook the reverse of promising. "I am quite" impartial," he writes; "I closed my bear yesterunished. Although I took my profit I still think tin must go lower. My Cornish advices -they know as much about the tin market in Cornwall as they do anywhere—all point to a lower price. My eastern advices show recent accumulation of supplies which are bound to come out before long. I am quite impartial, as I have said. I would be a bull of tin to-morrow if the position were favourable, but it is not and writing with much inside knowledge, let me advise readers to be cautious."

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board to be held this afternoon letters will be real from the Government forwarding a copy of the proposed additional regulation under the Waterworks Ordinance, 1903; relative to the site for the vegetable market at Yaumati, and relative to the construction of a bridge over the yard of 286, Queen's Road Central. Among other business to be considered is a minute by Mr. Lau Chu-pak relative to the amendment of the Existing Public Health and Buildings Ordinance and the byelaws in respect of the removal of infected persons, the disinfection of infected premises etc., and a minute by the Medical Officer of Health thereon.

LOCAL SPORT.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

On Christmas and Boxing Days commencing at 2 p.m. and 11 a.m. respectively, the Hongkong Cricket Club will play against a combined League XI. The following will represent the Club : - Messrs. R. Hancock, H. Hancock, W. C. D. Turner, T. E. Pasco, Major H E. Lowis, 119th Infantry, Capt. R. F. E. Krickenbeck, 119th Infantry, Messrs. H. R. Makir, A. A. Clazton, A. W. J. Peake, E. A. Fowler and Wm. Dixon.

HOCKEY.

HOCKEY CLUB v. NAVAL TEAM. The following, playing in colours, represent the Club on the Club Ground this afternoon at 4.45 p.m. sharp:-Lt, Forde, R.N.; T. M. Knott and C. W. Jeffries; T. C. Gray, H. L. Garrett and F. H. Forde; Bulmer -Johnson, L. G. Bird, E. Gaster, F. V. Kirwan A.S.C. and A. N. Other.

A SURPRISELX

A woman sitting in the public portion of the Greenwich Police Court created a diversion in the middle of a case in which a female was concerned by rising and interrupting the magistrate, "I wish to make a protest against the laws

made by man!" she said. Mr. Hutton, the magistrate, who is slightly deaf: "Yes, certainly. Tell me all about it!

The woman was surprised at the unexpected. "I have nothing more to say about it," she exclaimed, and hastily left the court.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE BRITISH NAVY. LONDON, December 21st.

The Standard states that the Admiralty has decided to establish a Pacific North American squadron next May, consisting of the fourth cruiser squadron and six ships of the County class. It is believed that the base will be Esquimnult.

THE CRUISE OF THE UNITED STATES BATTLESHIPS.

LONDON, December 21st.

Mr. Taft, interviewed in New York said it was nonsense to think that Japanese were anti-American. They were not concerned about the Pacific cruise, which they consider a mere naval test.

> [N. C. Daily News Service.] THE JAPANESE BUDGET.

Tokyo, December 16th. The details of next year's Budget have been finally settled at an extraordinary Cabinet Council held on Sunday and a State Council

't'ublic enterprises have been postponed, thereby effecting a saving of Yen 40,000,000 on an average annually for a period of six consecutive vears. The army is affected to the extent of Yen 20,000,000 annually and the navy by Yen 53,000,000 in the six years.

Increased duties on the consumption of tobacco, saké and sugar and a new duty on petroleum are expected to yield annually Yen The new Budget re-affirms Japan's peace

The extension of armaments has been largely arrested presumably in view of the widening sphere of Japan's ententer with foreign The present settlement is largely due to the good offices of the Marquis Katsurs, the ex-

WILLIAM DANBY, M.I.C.E., HONGKONG.

The Far Eastern Review for December says:-No one man in the Far East is better or more favorably known among all nationalities than is Mr. William Dauby, M.I.C.E., the pioneer engineer and architect of Hongkong who paved the way for the remarkable development in engineering and construction that has marked the history of the East in the last half-century. Mr. Danby was born May 5th, 1842, received his early education at the Leeds Gram. mar School. After taking a course at King's College, London, he was articled as a civil engineer to the municipal engineer of Leeds and later became assistant, receiving the appointment of borough engineer of Leeds. In 1869 he accepted the position of chief resident engineer under the late Sir | homas Hawkeley. R S. (past president of the Institute of Engineers) in charge of the large Washburn Extension of the Leeds C. W. W. and remained in that capacity until 1873, when he received

His first important work and which stands monument of his splendid service, was the detailed surveys of the then projected Tytam told that \$100 should be paid within ten Waterworks, From 1874 to 1879 he was in complete charge of all the new government work

He resigned from the government service in February, 1879, to take up private practice and since that time has supervised much of the principal construction that has featured the growth of Hongkong and he is recognized as an authority on all questions pertaining to engineering and archit cture in the Far East. Among the principal contracts carrie tout under his supervision were the sugar refineries of Hongkong and the doc's.

From his long residence in Hongkong he is looked upon as the "Father" of the colony by his many admirers and there is little in history of this British outpost with which he is identification at the jail here both prisoners not conversant, having been identified personally with every stage of its development.

In May, 1878, he was elected lieutenant of the local vounteer corps and in Jan. 1882, received the appointment of Justice of the Peace. He represented the Chinese Government in the settlement of the Shameen Riot Claims at Cauton, in August 1884. He was attacked Chinese in the New Territory while on a geological expedition July 19, 1879. He is Past D. G.W., Honkong and South China, and a member of the Hongkong Club. His address is Queen's Gardens, Queen's Road Central,

NOBEL PRIZES.

Readers of our telegrams already know that Professor Sir William Crookes, the discoverer of thalium and other new elements and the inventor of innumerable devices for showing the effects of such elements as radium, has been designated as the winner of the Nobel prize for chemistry, worth 27,800, and Mr. Rudyard

Kipling of that is literature. Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, left nearly £2,00,000 in 1895 for priss to be awarded humanity in :

Physical Science. Literatur. Peace and disarmament. Chemistry. Medicine.

Ross (for the study of malaria and mosquitoes), Sir W. Cremer, M.P. (advocacy of peace), Lord Rayleigh and Professor Thomson (physics), and Sir William Ramsay (chemistry),

BAPTISM OF CHINESE.

LIVERPOOL CHURCH.

A novel ceremony was witnessed by an interested congregation at the Boaler street Evangelical Church, Liverpool, last month when seven Chinese, converts to Christianity in the district. All come from Canton and formerly were Confucians. Their conversion is the result of the work of a Chinese mission: school, which was established at The Brook some months ago. The converts stoically endured the ordeal of being totally immersed in Chinese note. At the same time he asked the extremely cold water. It is said that so for ten instead of twenty cent pieces, handing for from newly made Chinese Christians being boycotted by their fellow countrymen, more holder accepted, and did not discover they were conversions will follow.

POLICE COURT.

Monday, December 23rd.

HEFORE Mr. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

BETURNING PROM BANISHMENT, Many Chinese exiles find it impossible to stay away from Hongkong for the term of their banishment, and after a few months, or perhaps s few years, return in the hope of escaping observation. But the vigilance of the policeforce enables few to remain long here without being discovered. Last week four deportees were caught in the Colony, and yesterday two more appeared before his Worship on the charge of disobeying banishment orders: Each man was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment. DARING ARMED ROBBERY.

As a native was proceeding along a street at Shameulpo on Sunday, eight men armed with bamboo poles attacked him, relieved him of a bundle of clothing and \$5 in money, and decamped. A man has been arrested on angpicion of being implicated, and the police are in hopes of apprehending the others. The native arrested was placed before the Court, and remanded.

AN ADMIRER OF HONGKONG. An old native, who has been arrested about twenty times on charges of begging, appeared again before his Worship yesterday and was fined \$5 or fourteen days' imprisonment. He had not sufficient money to pay the fine, so was removed to jail, struggling and protesting as a police officer hurried him along. After each of his previous appearances before the Court the beggar was shipped to Canton, but as soon as he raised sufficient money to pay his passage he always returned to the Colony,

ANOTHER PIRACT STORT. Ho Yue and Wong Chak were arraigned before his Worship on the charge of armed robbery in Chine, and Chief Detective-Inspector Hanson conducted the presecution.

Mr. Henson, in opening, informed the Court that the first witness was a trader, and was in the habit of going from Shin Lam village, in, the Heungshan District, China, by boat to the market at Tong Chan. On the 6th October he left Shiu Lam to go to the latter market town, having on his boat thirteen piculs of fish. He arrived at his destination about mid-day. sold his fish, and left for home at about 3.30 in the afternoon. He and his erew had got some three miles slong the river when ten men appeared on the bank, levelled rifles at the boat, and called upon the master to stop. When the pirates saw that the crew intended to disobey the call, they opened fire and after four or five shots had been fired the crew became frightened and hanled into the bank. The robbers then descended the bank, drove the four men aboard the boat ashere, and placed a guard over them while others proceeded to pillage the craft. The master had the \$ 26 which he had received for his fish in a box on board. This was broken open by the robbers and they took the money besides all the cloththe appointment as Assistant to the Surveyore ing they found. After this they told the fisherman that he must pay a toll, otherwise he would not be at liberty to travel direction of the borings and the charge of the up and down the river. The boatmen were days, otherwise if they passed that way they would run the risk of being shot at and killed. The pirates gave the name of Yam U Tong, which meant a robber gang, and asked also that the money be paid at the spot where the fishermen had been held up. After these instructions the boatmen were allowed to return on board, butthey were threstened that if they made a noise they would be fired at. Some five lis further along the river they arrived at m station of braves, and reported the matter. Since this occurrence the master of the boat had given up trading on that part of the river. At an were identified, one by one witness and one by

After hearing the evidence his Worship committed the defendants to juil pending the decision of H.E. the Governor as to whether they should be handed over to the Chinese

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE).

CAPTAIN AND LOCTOR AT VALIANCE. Captain Shepherd of the s.s. Cheung Chan summoned Dr. Henderson of the same steamer on charges of refusing to obey the captain's lawful commands, with attempting to assault him, and with wilfully and maliciously damaging property to the extent of \$60. As the vessel was leaving port the hearing of the case was adjourned sine die.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF ARMS. On Saturday a native was arrested by the police as he was about to leave the Praya on every jear to the persons who deserved most of a sampan. They discovered in his luggige fourteen revolvers and 700 rounds of ammuni. tiov. He appeared before his Worship yesterday charged with being in unlawful possession of Former English winners have been: Major these, and as the case was proved he was fined \$ 5) or six months' imprisonment, and the arms and ammunition were confiscated.

A CANTON MERCHANT IN HONGKON 3. A native, who described himself as a Canton merchant, and who was charged with being in possession of, and uttering counterfeit soin, told his Worship that he came to Hongkong to look for his lost brother. His search for the missing one took him to the Western Market. There he purchased some edibles from a provision stall, tendering a Hongkong dollar note is payment. He received 80 cents change, the were baptised. The converts work at laundries | price of the wares he purchased being 20 cents. Then he wanted seven cents commission on the note. The vendor refused to give nore than four, so the man from Canton took back the local note and paid for his wares with over four counterfeit coins, which the stall

bad until the customer had departed. But only a few days elapsed before he again paid the salosman a visit, purchased some sausages and endeavoured to palm off three spurious twenty cent pieces for others he had received in change. Then the stallholder arrested him and handed him over to the police, who found other sixty cents in counterfeit coin in his possession. His Worship, after hearing the evidence, tentenced the defendant to three months' imprisonment with hard latour and six hours' stocks.

> POLLARD'S LILLIPUTIAN PLAYERS.

Again last night, at the Theatre Royal, there was a crowded house to witness the second performance of "The Belle of New York" by Pollard's Australian Lilliputians. The majority of the audience, who were Brobdinguagians compared to the miniature performers, marvelled at the optput of talent from Lilliput as many have marvelled before them, and sceptics who found their way to the City Hall also found it necessary to believe that the performers were only juveniles by the evidence of their own eyesight. The young Australians again carried the play through with the same pleasing swing of the opening night, smid the boundless enthusiasm of the auditors, all of whom, as a rule, appreciate a good performance, but many of whom did not anticipate that the Lilliputians could provide such a "good thing" as they did, To-night, for the last time "The Belle of New York" will be staged. There will be no theatre on Christmas night. On Thursday and two following nights the children will play "In Tewn."

KULANGSU (AMOY) MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at the Board Room, on the 3rd December 1907. Present :- Messrs, W. H. Wallace (Ghairman), A. F. Gardiner, Hueng Telangohew, W Kruse, S. Okuyama, W. Wilson, the Health Officer and the Secretary.

g. I. The minutes of the last meeting are read and confirmed.

2. An application is read from the Japanese Consul requesting permission to use certain ground near the Lower West Road, below the German Consul's residence and in the direction of the Japanese Cemetery, by the officers of H.I.J.M's ship "Naniwa", for small arm prac tice on a day to be netified by the Japanese Consul. The Council decide to grant permission, providing the Sector Officer of the party firing tokes every precaution to ensure the safety of the public (persons using the roads and paths, working in the fields, quarries, o board boats near the teach &c) by putting out sufficient look out men to prevent persons approaching within the danger zone.

3. On the motion of Mr. Wallace, it is decided to ask the China Light and Power Co. Ltd. to forward, with as little delay as possible, the conditions of their proposals (in detail) for supplying the Settlement with light and power.

4. A letter from the Superintendent of Police to the German Consul, together with his reply is read concerning a collision between a Li censed Sampan (No 92) and a steam pinnas; belonging to S. M. S. "Aroone," in the harbour on the night of the 29th Nov., by which an Austrian sailor, belonging to the "Kaiser Frons Josef It," and two Chinese were drowned. The German Consul in his reply states that from the report of the S.M.S. "Arcona" it is evident that the sampen is alone to blame for the accident, as the sempen, without having a light, tried to closely cross the bow of the German pinnace which was carrying both red and white lights, whereas she should have passed behind the pinnace. Moreover the sampan was overloaded and careful handling was the more necessary.

5. The Superintendent of Police reports the following cases have been heard in the Mixed Court since the last meeting :-RUMMONSES.

Debt 1, Er croaching on property 1, Contempt of Court 1, Breach of Municipal Regulations 1. BUMMARY ARBESTS.

Theft 6, Assault 2, Committing a nulsance 2 Housebreaking 1, Contempt of Court 1. (Signed) W. H. WALLACE,

Chairmar.

By order, C. BERRELEY MITCHELL, Secretary.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report :-On the 23rd at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has risen considerably over Japan, the depression having moved into the Pacific. Pressure has increased slightly over the

Philippines, and given way a little on the S ponst of China The anticyclonic area remains over Central China and pressure is relatively low over the S, part of the Clina Sea.

Strong monsoon will continue to prevail in the Formesa Channel and the China Sea. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows :-N.E. winds. Hongkong & Neighbourhood strong; fair. Sameas No. 1. Formesa Channel South coast of China between Sameas No. 1. Hongkong and Lamooks. South coast of China between Same as No. 1 Hongkong and Hainan..

CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, Hongkong,-Christmas Day. Matins (11 a.m.) Bymn, 60; Responses, Festival; Venite, Crotch; Psalms, Special; Te Deum, Standford in B Flat; Benedictus, Garrett in G: Athanasian, Creed ... Anthem, "Sing Daughter of Zion."-Gadsby; Hynn, 58; Kyrie, Adam in F; Offertory Hymn, 59.

N B .- Hymn 60 (in unison) not played over. Psalm 19 Verses 1, 2 and 15 in unison. Psalms 45 Verses 7, 11 and 18 in unison. Psalms 35 Verses 4, 9 and 13 in unison.

Preacher-The Lord Bishop of Victoria. N.N.B.—Choir Practice Friday, December 27th.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Minutes of a Monthly Meeting of the General Committee of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce held in the Chamber Room, St. George's Building, Hongkong on Tuesday, 12th No vember, 1907 at 3 30 p.m. Present :-- Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett (Chairman), Messre, A. G. Wood, (Vice-Chairman), A. Haupt, D. R. Law G. H. Medburst, J. R. M. Smith, H. E. Tomkins and A. R. Lowe, Secretary.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 31st October were read and confirmed.

SHANGHAI INTERNAT ONAL EXHIBITION 1 09. The following letter from the Government

wan rend :---Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, 21st October, 1907. SIR. I am directed to forward a copy of letter addressed by the Chairman of the Shanghai Branch of the China Association to His Majesty's Consul-General at Shanghai on the subject of an Exhibition which it is proposed to hold at that port in 1703, and to request that your Chamber will be so good sa to furnish me with their views regarding the proposal that this Colony should participate.-I am, dear Sir, Your obedient servant:

(Sgd.) F: H! MAY,

The Secretary Chamber of Commerce.

China Association,

Shanghai Branch. 18th July, 1907.

Sir Pelham Warren, K.C.M.G. H. B. M. Consul-General, Shanghai,

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that it is proposed to hold an International Exhibi tion in Shanghai under the auspices of this Association during 1909 provided sufficient support can be obtained.

The Exhibition will be called Shanghai International Exhibition and will be confined to staple manufactures and machinery.

It is of course impossible at this early stage to give particulars of space available for each exhibitor or of the terms on which space can be rented. I may however mention that 70 acres of land have been secured in a suitable situation and I hope shortly to forward a plan of same with proposed buildings. In the meantime I would be glad if you would communicate with the Governors of the various Colonies and ascertain from them what measures of support the Exhibition is likely to receive from the manufac. turers in their districts and if they will be prepared to subscribe to a guarantee fund, which it will be necessary to raise.

So far as can be seen the scheme has every prospect of success, and will no doubt prove honeficial to Bri ish interests in the Far East. Further particulars will be forwarded as soon as possible—I have etc.

(Sgd.) F. B. SKOTTOWE, Chairman.

It was decided to reply that the Committee recommended the Government to bring the proposal before all likely Hongkong Exhibitors. and to endeavour to form a court thoroughly representative of the Colony's trade and in-

CURRENCY QUESTION.

The following correspondence was read :-Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1907. SIR. With reference to Mr. Thomson's letter of the 21st May, I am directed to transmit for the information of the Chamber of Commerce the enclosed copy of a despatch addressed by Hir. Majesty's Minister at Peking to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs on the subject of the representations made by the Chinese Government in the matter of the reform of the currency in China.-I am, Sir, Your obedient servant. (Sgd.) F H: MAY,

Colonial Secretary. The Secretary,

Chamber of Commerce.

Enclosure No. 368.

Peking, 24th July, 1997. Sir, In pursuance of a representation which he recently received from the Chambers of | directed to inform you that His Majesty's Commerce of Hongkong, Shanghai and Tientain the Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps addressed a note, copy of which I have the honour to enclose, to Prince Ch'ing again calling the attention of His Highness to the disabilities under which Foreign Trade is labouring owing to the delay in the establishment of a uniform National Coinage.

In bisr ply, copy of which is likewise enclosed. the Prince states that the question is now under the consideration of a Commission composed of officials in the Grand Secretariat and other departments of State who will make a report to the Throne, after which His Highness promises to farnish fuller information on the to represent the feeling of the Chamber to the

subject. In spite of his assurances, I regret to say that no material advance has, as far as I can ascertain, been made towards the attainment of a uniform system of currency. At the same time it must be admitted that in certain read:respects at least the Chinese Government have shown some appreciation of the disadvantages of irresponsible action on the part of the

provinces. Restrictions have been placed on the issue of copper coins from the provincial mints, the experiment which His Excellency Chang Chintung was authorised to make of introducing a Tael coinage has been stopped and its failure seems to have convinced the Central Government that the dollar must be adopted as the standard

Apart from the above and the visit of inspection which His Excellency Ch'en pi, the Vice-President of the Board of Finance, lately

made to the provincial mints, China has not yet taken any effective measures towards accomplishing the difficult task she has set. herself by the Second Article of the British Treaty of 1902,-I have, etc.

(Sgd.) J. N. JORDAY. The Right Honourable Sir Edward Grey, Bert. M.P.,

The Cean of the Diplomatic Body to H.I.H.

the Prince Ching. Peking, July 12th, 1967.

IMPERIAL HIGHNESS, The serious disabilities under which foreign trade in China has been labouring by reason of the incessant and often violent fluctuations in the gold value of silver, are well known to the Imperial Government of Chine, and remedial measures, particularly the early adoption of a uniform coinage, have, we are aware, received its camelul attention within the last few years; none have, however, we believe met with its approval, and the difficulty of the situation appears to be increasing, and proves ever more disturbing to foreign commercial in

terests in China.

The gravity of the situation thus created, and the difficulty in which the Foreign Representatives at Peking find themselves to reassure their nationals and to hold out to them hopes Colonial Secretary! for a betterment, have led them to request me to address Your Imperial Highness on the sub ject, and to ask if it be not possible that some assurance be given them that the measures now under consideration for the adoption of an uniform coinage are such that a favourable and early solution of the question our be hoped for. Such assurances they could in turn communicate to the commercial bodies engaged in the China trade and they would unquestionably allay all apprehensions on that point, and reestablish confidence-so essential to commercial undertakings, of every nature.

Trusting that Your Imperial Highness will be in a position to supply the Diplomatic Body the information it desires, I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Imperial Highness the assurance of my highest consideration THE DEAN OF THE DIPLOMATIC BODY.

Lettre du Prince Ching a Son Excellence le Jonkheer van Citters, Ministre des Pays Baset Doyen du Corps Diplomatique à Pékin.

Le 10 Juillet, 1907. J'ai l'honneur de vous accuser réception de la lettre du 12 Juin dernier concernant l'introduc tion d'un système monétaire uniforme en Chine et me demandant si les mesures maintenant en considération, donnaient à espécer une favorable et prompte solution avec priére d'ane réponse.

Notre Département s'est empressé de mettre en communication avec le Ministère de Finances, qui nons fait parvenir la communication snivante:

"Considérant que le prix de l'or et de l'argent ent exposé à des hausses et des baisses, notre Département est justement en train de chercher un moyen pour avoir un système monétaire uniforme en Chine. "Le 10 Mai dernier un mémorandum fut

présenté su trons et en réponse un Décret Impérial ordonnait aux fonctionnaires du Grand Sécrétariet et des divers Départements de se concerter et d'en faire un rapport au trône. "Après que les pour parlers auront en lieu et le rapport avec les moyens à employer sera envoyé au trone, nous vous ferons savoir les détails, avec un compte rendu exact."

Nous arons l'honneux de porter ce qui précède la connaissance de Votre Excellence.

The CHAIRMAN said it was regrettable to learn that no material advance had so far been made by the Chinese Government in placing the currency of the Empire on a uniform basis but is was to be hoped that the Hongkong Government would lose no opportunity of furthering the project as opportunity offered.

CHINESE EMIGRATION ORDINANCE 1889. Letter from the Government was read as follows :--

. Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, 22nd October, 1907. SIR,-With reference to Mr. Sercombe Smith's letter of the 16th of November, 1906, and to previous correspondence I am Government does not see its way to permit the the amendment of the Chinese Emigration Ordinance 1889, in the direction desired by the Chamber.-I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) F. H. MAY. Colonial Secretary.

The fooretary,

Chamber of Commerce, The CHAIRMAN remarked that the attitude of the Home Government towards the carrying of contract Chinese labourers in British Ships. on voyages of over 30 days' duration was to be regretted in the interests of British Trade but it was not unexpected and it would be advisable London Chamber of Commerce.

PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT IN THE COLONY OF A BRANCH BANK OF THE CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT.

The following Letter and Enclosures were Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, 29th October, 1907. SIB,-I am directed to forward a translation | NEW of an article which appeared in a local Vernacular Paper on the 17th instant regarding the proposed establishment in this Colony of a branch of the Bank controlled by the Chinese Board of Finance, and to request that you will be so good as to furnish me with the views of your Chamber on the subject .- I am, Sir, Your

> (Sgd.) F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary,

obedient servant,...

TRANSLATIONS.

Translations. Extract from the "Taum Wan Yat Po" of the 17th October, 1907. Proposed Establishment of a Branch Bank in

Hongkong. Tartai Wa Ho of the Imperial Chinese Telegraph Administration, Hongkong, has recently forwarded a petition to the Vicercy to the following effect :-

I he Bank controlled by the Board of Finance has made a very good profit since it was first established. Taotai Lok Ping has received the Imperial Command to start a branch of that Bank in Canton. The close commercial cons nection between Canton and Hongkon g demand. that a branch of the bank should also be established in Hongkong so as to improve the present facilities for trade. If such a branch bank of the Imperial Chinere Government is established, commerce is bound to improve. He requests the Viceroy to submit his anggestions for the consideration of the Board of Revenue and the Chief Director of the Bank.

It was decided to reply that the Chamber could see no reason to object against the opening of a Chinese Government Bank in the Colony so long as it was on exactly the same footing as the other Foreign Banks now trading in the

MR. TANG BHIH CHI, AN OFFICIAL DEPUTED BY THE CRINESE GOVERNMENT TO INVEST. IGATE INTO TRADE CONDITIONS OF THE VARIOUS COLONIAL POSSESSIONS OF THE WESTERN POWERS.

The following Correspondence was read :-Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong: 29th October, 1907, SIR .- I sm directed to inform you that en official named Mr. Yang Shih Chi, who has been depuled by the Chinese Government to proceed on a mission of investigation into trade conditions in the various Colonial Possessions of the Western Powers where there are Chinese Communities, is expected to arrive shortly in

this Colony. 2. His Excellency will be glad to have any observations or suggestions that your Chamber mey see fit to offer regarding Mr. Yang's visit.-I am, Sir, Your obedient servants.

(Sgd.) F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

The Secretary,

Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, 8th November, 1907. SIR,-I am directed to acknowledge the

receipt of your letter of 29th ultimo (No. 7434/1967) relative to the mission of Mr. Yang Shih Chi and to express the tianks of my Committee for the information placed at their

This Chamber has no particular observations or suggestions to offer regarding Mr. Yang's visit, but if that gentleman desires any information which he believes the Chamber can supply as to the course of trade in this Colony, I am. to suggest that he should either write direct to me on the points he requires elucidation, er make an appointment for a personal interview with me at the offices of this Chamber .- I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servent, (Sgd,) A. R Lowe,

Hop. F. H. May, U.M.G.

Colonial Secretary. The Secretary reported that Mr. Yang Shih Chi had not applied for any information. LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMERCIAL EXAMINATIONS.

The following letter from the Commercial Education Department of the London Chamber was read:-

Oxford Court,

Cannon Street, E.C. 2nd October, 1907.

Secretary.

DEAR SIR .- The Commercial Education Committee of this Chamber desire to call your attention to the Scheme of Commercial Education which it has promoted since 1890, and cordially invites the assistance of your Chamber in this important work.

No less than 33 Chambers of Commerce in the United Kingdom and the Colonies are co-operating with this Chamber, by conducting under their auspices, the examination of students who may be presented from the Schools or Colleges in their respective towns or

A copy of the Syllabus of the Examinations for 19 8-a circular letter, addressed to parents, guardians and students, setting forth the objects and advantages of these examinations for those intended for a commercial career—and the Rules and Regulations for the formation of a Local Centre of examinations, by Chambers of Commerce are sent under separate cover. Should your require additional copies of any of the above, or further particulars relating thereto,

they will be readily supplied on application. Trusting that your Chamber may give this the money. matter their careful consideration and decide to co-operate in this movement .- Yours faithfully, (Sgd.) KENRIC B. MURBAY,

Secretary.

The Secretary, Chamber of Commerce,

Bohools

Hongkong, China, The Enclosures were laid on the table. It was agreed that the Chairman should the matter with the Inspector of

YORK TO PARIS BY MOTOR,

BEQUEL TO THE CHINA RIDE.

The "Matin" appounces on November 25 details of a grand motor car tour which it is organising. The route will be from New York to Paris by land, without taking steamer.

year, and on reaching Liverpool will be shipped to New York, where the start for the great journey will be made. The route to be followed will be by way of Chicago, Klondyke, Aleske, Behring Straits-

which will be crossed on the ice during the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce. Polar winter—and Siberia.

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The general managers submit a statement of accounts to October 31, 1907, showing the result of twelve months' working to that date. The period under review has been an abnormally had one for all yarns, and while the cotton crop of 19 6 7 was of good quality, it was, in

short supply, and prices were maintained at a high level throughout the year. The balance at credit of Profit and Loss is Tls. 46,307.82 which it is proposed to deal with

as follows :-To pay a dividend of Tls. 2.10 per share on 15. 00 shares To carry forward to new account

During the year the sum of The 22,663.03 has been expended on special repairs and renewals out of the amount of Tls. 45,939.90 set aside for that purpose in 1905.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE. On his departure for Europe, Mr. P. I Lavers resigned his seat on the Committee and Mr. E. E. Clark was invited to fill the vacancy H.E. Lord Li Ching-fong has also resigned for the same reason, but the vacancy has not so far been filled.

In accordance with Article XVII, the Members of the Consulting Committee ratire, but all are eligible and offer themselves for re-election. Mr. G. R. Wingrove has audited the Com-

pany's accounts and his re-election to the position requires the confirmation of the shareholders. JARDINE, MATHESON, & Co., LD., General Managers. Shanghai, December 10, 1907. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS For year ended October 31, 1907. (Cents omitted). BALANCE SHEET at October 31, 1967.

To capital-Authorized 20,000 shares at Tis-50-Tis. 1,000,000-subscribed 15,000 Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld. 507.017 Accounts payable Uncollected dividends Repairs and renewals..... Equalization of dividend account 150,000 Profit and loss Tie. 1,580,05 Buildings 300,430 Water supply Furniture..... Mill stores Cotton stock Cotton and yern in process , Yara stock...... 551,789 Waste in stock Unexpired fire issurance premia Unexpired rates and taxes...... Accounts receivable.......... Cash in hand Tim. 1,580,057 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT. For year ended October 31, 1907.

Directors' fees Anditor's fees Repairs and renewals Balance brought forward Balance of Working Account

To Rates and taxes

Fire insurance

HISTORIC CHRQUES. One day last month the Russian Ambassador visited the Japanese Embasy at 4, Grosvenorgardens and formally handed to the Japanese Ambassador a draft for £4,860,440 9s. 6.1., the balance of the sum due to Japan for the moneys expended by her on the maintenance of the Russian prisoners, as agreed under the terms

the Portsmouth treaty. The original sum due to Japan was slightly larger, but there was a small per contra account entailed by the maintenance of the few Japanese prisoners on Russian soil.

This "deal" practically concluded Russia's financial indebtedness to Japan as a result of The payment dees not mean that the mone

which is now in the Bank of England will be transferred and so unsettle the Money market. On the contrary, Japan will temporarily lend The world's largest cheque was

£11.0 8,875, paid over the Bank of England counter to the Japanese Minister as the first instalment of the Chinese indemnity for the war of 1895. The s cond instalment was a cheque for £8,225,0'0 ls. 10d.

When De Beers bought the Kimberley £5,338,650. Mr. Pierpont Morgan, in connection with the disposal of Mr. Carnegie's steel holdings, drew a cheque for £4,781,751. 2s. 8d., and last month, when money was over 100 per cent. premium, he sent down to Wallstreet about £5,000,000 in one batch of secur-

The smallest cheque is probably that for one cent (1d.,) drawn by the American Treasury for Mr. Cleveland, in whose Presidential salary an error had been made.

The cars will leave Paris on February 2, next this port on the 22nd inst. at 8 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on the She purposes forwarding this to the legal 27th inst. at about noon.

yesterday.

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NEW DRUCE MYSTERY.

The Druce claim to the Dukedom of Portland may be materially strengthened, if the story re. lated by a woman of sixty now living in Paris. can be verified. She is named Mme. Valette-3.750 and she announces that she is a descendant—the granddaughter, in fact-of the fifth Duke of Portland who is alleged to have masqueraded as

Mr. Druce, of t'e Biker Street Baziar. Mme. Valette's a cry is certainly an extraordinary one. In the first quarter of the last century there was a botel in the Champa 51,114 Elyades which was frequented by Mr. Druce. as he was known. Druce fell desperately in love with the landlady of the hotel, and in course of time a son was born to them, who took his father's name. Mr. Druce paid for the boy's education, and for many years gave his mother certain allowance. Druce's natural son married, and became the father of Mme. Valette.

Druce, sen, paid periodical visits to Paris. and always called to see his son and his granddaughter. Mme. Valette says that she remembers him distinctly. On one occasion when he called, the father and son had a long interview. Druce pere handed his son a sum of money, and directed him to go to Australia, and seek the whereabouts of a half-brother, presumably the father of the present claimant Mme, Valette's father carried out his mission, and returned to France after an absence of nearly a year.

Now comes the remarkable part of the whole story. The old lady, who claims to be the granddaughter of the ecoentric duke, relates that shortly after her father's return to Paris, one dark night, while going to his home in the Bonlevard Montparnasse, he was waylaid by three men, who fatally stabbed him, and carried off important papers relating to his birth.

Mr. Druce, of Baker-street, came to Paris soon after this, and was terribly distressed at the news of the death of his natural son. He gave into the bands of Mme. Valette a sealed envelope, which he bade her guard carefully. Then he went off, and she : id not see him again Central Company they paid over a cheque for for many years. In the meantime she had heard of the death of Mr. Druce, of the Baker-street Bassar, and naturally fully expected never to see her grandfather any more.

But one day-she is unable to fix the exact date or the year, but says it was about four years after the close of the Franco-Prussian War-the man whom she thought was dead walked into the little tobacconist's shop which she kept in the. Boulevard Montparnasse. On her expressing astonishment, the visitor replied mildly, "Yes, Druce is dead, but Portland is still living."

Mme. Valette is living in a modestly-furnished spartment near the Gare Montparnasse, and she says that she has still in her possession the The P. & O. str. Arcadia left Singapore for mysterious envelope handed to her many years ago, and that she is ignorant of its contents: advisors of Mr. George Hollamby Druce. She The C.P.R. str. Empress of China arrived is a sharp-looking, clear-spoken woman, and

Shanghai at 11.30 p.m. on Saturday, the 21st very vigorous, in spite of her years. Her inst, and left again at 8.30 s.m. Sunday for husband died three years ago. She has two Nagasaki where she was due to arrive at I p.m. | daughters and a son, and the latter is now performing his military service.

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NOTICE.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1907.

Lightkeeper Cape Cami, Heihow. Estate E. F. SHMITT, late All onistanding accounts as well as assets should be sent at once to the undersigned. IMPERIAL GERMAN CONSULATE, HOIHOW

Hoikow, 20th December, 1907.

STOCKBROKERS' ASSOCIATION OF

NOTICE,

HONGKONG.

FINHE SETTLEMENTS This Month (DECEMBER) wili take place MONDAY next, the SCth instant, E. J. MOSES,

Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 24th December, 1907.

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY) and THURSDAY, the 25th and 26th instant respectively. By Order,

A. R. LOWE. Scoretary. Hongkong, 24th December, 1907.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Government Notification No. 813, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on WEDNESDAY and THURS-DAY, 1st and 2nd January, respectively. Hongkong, 24th December, 1907. 2015

NOTICE TO MARINERS, No. 308 (Special).

CHINA SEA. SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION MARKING CONSERVANCE WORKS IN THE WHANGPU.

TATOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that masters of vessels navigating the WHANGPU should constantly make themselves acquainted with SHANGHAI HARBOUR NOTIFICATIONS bearing on the progress of CONSERVANCY WORKS and the Aids to Navigation established in connection therewith, as the information necessary for safe navigation is contained only in such Harbour Notifications. W. FEED. TYLER, Coast Inspector.

Coast Inspector's (floe. Shanghai, 19th December, 1907. DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

LIMITED. FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW

THE Company's Steamship.

"HAITAN," Captain J. S. Rosch, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 27th inst., at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, 23rd December, 1907.

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Mak Steamship

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STANDARD OIL CO. OF NEW YORK. Oriental Freight Department, (Hotel Mansions). Hongkong, 24th December, 1907.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

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FROM ANTWERP, L'INDON, MALTA, PORTSAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS. Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed AT THEIR RISK in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out, Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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Goods not cleared by the 29th inst, at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

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E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 23rd December, 1907.

NEW ADVERTISEMENT

THE CATHOLIC UNION.

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A Burlesque in Two Acts, "LOVE IN LOTUS LAND," Dates of Performances: SATURDAY, 28th Dec. 9 P.M. MONDAY, 30th .. 9 P.M. SATURDAY, 4th January, 9 P.M. MATINEE:

THURSDAY, 2nd January, 5.30 P.M. Plans of Seats now on View at above address. Admission \$1. For Children 50 cents at Matince only Hongkoug, 24th December, 1907. 2018

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TO LET.

TO. 59, CAINE ROAD. Nos. 27 and 31, SEYMOUR ROAD. Apply to-

SAM WANG CO., LTD., 81, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, 27th November, 1907. [103

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Hongkong, 17th August, 1907.

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E. Shellim, Esq

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H. A. W. Slade, Esq.

Chief Manager.

Chief Manager.

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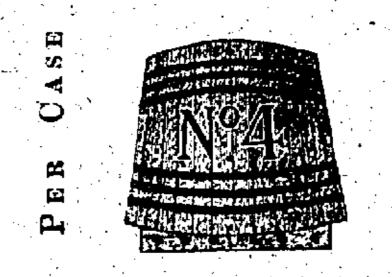
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MARK TWAIN ON OXFORD HISTORY.

Mark Twain, in the latest instalment of his autobiography, tells us how the enchantments of Oxford upset his moral viewpoint of history. This account is probably the first he has given, without the mediumship of the interviewer, of his recent "proud" moment, the" proudest," he declares, since the time when as a boy he deliberately became infected with the measles and "lay dying, the center of attraction, with the eye piously closed upon he fleeting vanities of this life—an excellent effect—and the other open a crack to observe the tears, the sorrow, the admiration" of his relatives surrounding the bed. Oxford, as a dream of the Middle Ages, he goes on to say in The North A verican

Review (October), was not in our time complete until the days of the pageaut last June. "The mouldering old buildings, and the picturesque throngs drifting past them, were in harmony"; and the persons "grotosquely and offensively and oriminally out of place were such persons as came intruding along clothed in the ugly and odious fashions of the twentieth century." Further : The make-ups of illustrious personages

seemed perfect, both as to portraiture and costume; one had no trouble in recognizing them. Also, I was apparently quite easily recognizable myself. The first corner I turned brought me suddenly face to face with Henry VIII, a person whom I had been implacably dislisking for sixty year; but when he pu out his hand with royal courtliness and grace and said, 'Welcome, well beloved stranger, to my century and to the hospitalities of my realm,' my old prejudices vanished away and forgave him. I think now that Henry the Eighth has been over-abused; and that most of us, if we had been situated as he was, domestically, would not have been able to get along with as limited a graveyard as he forced himself to put up with. I feel now that he was one of the nicest men in history. Personal contact with a king is more effective in removing baleful prejudices than is any account of orgument drawn from tales and histories. If I had a child I would name it Henry the Eighth, regardless

"Do you remember Charles the First-and his broad slouch with the plume in it? and his body clothed in velvet doublet with lace sleeves and his legs in leather, with long rapier at his side and his spurs on his heels? I encountered him at the next corner, and knew him in a moment-knew him as perfectly and as vividly as I should know the Grand Chain in the Mississippi if I should see it from the pilot-house after all these years. He bent his boy and gave hi hat a sweep that fetched its plume within an inch of the ground, and gave me a welcome that went to my heart. This king has been much maligned; I shall understand him better hereafter, and shall regret him more than I have been in the habit of doing these fifty or sirty years. He did some things in his time which might better have been left undone and which cast a shadow upon his name-we all know that, we all concede it-but our error has been in regarding them as crimes and in colling them by that name. whereas I perceive now that they were only indiscretions. At every few steps I mat persons of deathless name whom I had never encountered before outside of pictures and statuary and history, and these were mos thrilling and charming encounters. I had hand-shakes with Henry the Second, who had not been seen in the Oxford streets for nearly eight hundred years, and with the Fai Rosamund, whom I now believe to have been chaste and blameless, although I had thought differently about it before; and with Shakespeare, one of the pleasantest foreigners I have ever gotten acquainted with; and with Roger Bucon; and with Queen, Elizabeth, who talked five minutes and never swore once—a fact which gave m a new and good opinion of her and moved

THE PAGE MILLIONS.

right and harmonious."

By the P. and O. steamer "Britannie," which reached Plymouth last month there arrived in England from Australia Mr. George Horton Morris, the claimant to the "Page millions. The Page estate (now in the hards of trustees) is said to have an area of sixty square miles. atretching north and west from the Marble Arch. It includes about a third of the county of Middl sex, whole suburbs of London, and some rural bits of Hertfordshire.

Interviewed, Mr. Morris said his claim was based on his contention that he is grandson of a brother of Henry Page, who is believed to have been the last holder of the estate as such. He claims to be entitled to at least one half share of the estate.

Mr. Morris stated that he was born in London, and went out to New Zealand in 1862. Seven or eight years, ago he worked his way home as a steward on the Aberdeen liner "Australasian," with the object of pressing his suit, but his stay here was of brief duration. Mr. Morris went back without having male

much progress with his case. He troubled very little more about the matter until March of this year, when it was reported that the House of Commons was likel to be called upon to consider CANTAR | the nation's title to the Page Estate.

Then his brothers, who reside in London, Birmingham and St. Albans, communicated with him and he got in touch with some friends in Australia who formed a limited company with a capital of £10,000 to enable him to pursue his

Mr. Jobson a Sydney accountent, who accompanied Mr. Morris, told the representative that he represented the syndicate which was backing Mr. Morris. He expressed the opini a that Mr. Morris had a fair fighting chance of securing the fortune at stake, but declined to disclose the plan of campaign. "At this stage we are really on a visit of investigation," he said, and the first thing we shall do on getting to London will be to consult our solicitors. The length of our stay in England will depend on our investigations and the difficulties we may encounter. Mr. Morris says he is a nephew of the last,

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MRS. TANQUERAY IN REAL LIFE.

A New York correspondent says :- A tragedy which is causing the keenest embarrasement to one of the "fluest families" of New England ended in a sanguinary, startling denouement, A policeman patrolling the streets of New Rochelle, the fashionable suburb of New York, noticed flames issning from a handsome villa belonging to Mr. Nicolas M. Snith, a wealthy merchant and son of a well-known ban'ter in

He sounded the alarm and roused the house hold only to make the discovery that Mr. and Mrs. Smith were lying in bed in a pool of blood. Mr. Smith, shot in the head, was already dead; his wife, with a bullet in her breast, was still faintly breathing. The house was flooded with petroleum and but for the intervention of the fire brigade would have been utterly destroyed, together with all the servants and the bodies of the master and mistress.

Mrs. Smith was known to a large circle of friends as Grace, daughter of the late Ganeral Balzeley, Licutenant Governor of Connecticut. But when the coro for notified the Bulkeley fimily of the death he was astonished to learn that the real Grace Bulkeley was alive and well in Hartford, where as the wife of Mr. Van Shack she plays a distinguished part in Naw England society. Inquiries which the authorities instituted late last night revealed in Mrs. Smith a problem of a character compared to which that of the Second Mrs. Tanqueray is simplicity itself.

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She lived in grand style, owning magnificent carriages and horses. But growing weary of wealthy admirers she suddenly disappeared from New York to take the position of a nurse in an insano asylum, where in the character of Grace Bulkeley she excited the love of a roung English doctor named Robert Acton. Though already married, the nurse accepted the addresses of the Mostor and they were wedded. In 1900 Dr. Acton die , and the widow at once journeyed to London, where she lived for some time with the parents of her late husband, from whom she got £600 for the erection of a magnificent

In the later stages of her career she made the acquaintance of Mr. Nicolas Smith, whom it appears she loved passionately. Nine months ago the couple where married, Mr. Smith, believing that his wife had been deeply wronged by her family, made no attempt to approach the Bulkeleys.

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Rather than that he should discover how grossly he had been deceived, she, after parting from him in the most loving fashion on Friday night, shot him in the head as he slept. Then she sat fire to the house and shot herself evidently hoping that all traces of the crime would be destroyed by the configration. Next to the bed the police, when they broke

into the house, discovered a copy of Mr. Bulkeley's will and the motto beautifully worked in silk, "Love one another."

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Tust the Imperial visit to England may be me to forgive Ler for behending the Scottish | followed by a real im revement in the relations Mary, if she really did it, which I now between Germany and France must be earnestly doubt, and with the quaintly and ancient- desired by all friends of the two countries; but ly clad young King Harold Harefoot, of it is permissible to doubt whether that end would near nine hundred years ago, who came flying | ba brought any the neurar to attainment by the by on a bicycle and smoking a pipe, but at adoption of a sugg stion recently made by one once checked up and got off to shake with me; of our contemporaries in Berlin. According to and also I met a bishop who had lost his way | the German journal, "the hundreds of thousands because this was the first time to had been of German tourists who visit Paris ought to ininside the walls of Oxford for as much as twelve | sist upon never speaking anything else than hundred years or thereabouts. By this time I their mother to gue," in order to con-train had grown so used to the obliterated ages and the Parisians to how to the force of circumtheir best-known people that if I had met Adam | stances and learn German. Easy enough, I should not have been either surprised or em- | replies one of the Paris daily papers, in theory, barrassed; and if he had come in a racing but not so easy in practice. Easy enough to autom bile and cloud of dust, with nothing on sak for a bedroom or a beef-steak, a glass of beer but his fig-leaf, it would have seemed to me allor a picture postcard, in verman; but how is the German tourist, lost in Paris, to find his hotel if he persists in asking the way of the "Kapuzinen Bollwerk" instead of to the Boulevard des Capucines, or get to the Folies-Bergères by telling his cubman to drive him to the "Schæferischen Verruecktheiten"! Patriotism is a grand virtue; but the Berlin journal's suggestion reminds one of Telleyrand's judicious observation that "everything which is exaggerated is insignificant."-Daily Graphic.

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ARRIVALS. HELENE, German str., 771, J. Jessen, 23rd December Swatow 22nd Dec., General-Jebsen & Co.

Kanagawa Maru, Japanese str., 3,835, N. Ohno, 23rd December—Yokohama via Ports 11th Dec., General-Nippon Yusen Kaislia. Kwongsang, British str., 23rd Dec .- Canton. NIKKO MARU, Japanese str., 3,434, T. L. Har-rison, 23rd December—Australia & Manila 21st Dec., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha. SALAZIF, French str., 2,557, Ailland, 23rd Dec.

-Marseilles and Singapore 16th Dec., Mails & General-Messageries Maritimes. Stam, Danish str., 2,500, Cortsen, 23rd Dec.— Singapore 11th Dec., General—Melchers

BIGNAL, German str., 907, Schleikier, 23rd Dec. -Hoihow 22nd Dec., General-Jebsen & Co. SUNDA, British str. 2,986, G. M. Montford, B.N.B., 23rd December—Antwerp Nov. 3rd, London 9th, and Singapore 15th December, General—P. & O. S. N. Co. THINTAU, German str., 1,002, Kooh, 23rd Dec.

-Bangkok via Hoihow 22nd Dec., General -Butterfield & Swire. YESAN MARU, Japanese str., 2,329, Negatau, 22nd December-Moji 16th Tecember, Conl-Milsui Bussan Kaisha.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

23rd December Cheanychew, British str., for Amoy. Nikko Moru, Japanese str., for Kube. Patani, German str., for Saigon. Siam. Danish str., for Shanghei. Sunda, British str., for Shanghai. Tourane, French str., for Europe, &c. Yunnan, British str., for Hongay Yesan Maru, Japanese str., for Kuchinolzu.

DEPARTURES. 23rd December. FOOSHING, British str., for Canton. HSINCHANG, Chinese str., for Canton. KURICHOW, British str., for Canton: NORD, Norwegian etc., for Canton-PARHOI, British str., for Shaughai. SHAOHSING, British str., for Canton. VOLUTE, British str., for Singapore.

> VESSELS IN DOCK. December 23rd.

ABERDBEN DOCKS .- Taiskan. KOWLOON DOORS-Neil Melecd, Germania, Woolwich, Engineer, Hinsang, Ch. Hardouin, Fausang, Mausang, Baiching. COSMUPOLITAN DOCKS .- H.M.S. Janus.

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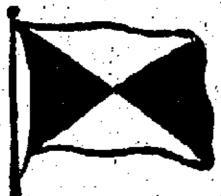
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LONDON &C., VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DELTA	Brit. str	,,	C. L. Daniel, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co	On 28th inst., at Noon
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA BINGAPORN, &c	NYANZA	Brit. str		H. S. Bradshaw	P. &. O. S. N. Co	About 1st January.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SUEZ CANAL	GLENAVON	Brit. str.		Wolfenden	McGergor Bros. & Gow	On 9th January.
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MARSEILLES. &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	TOURANE	frenstr		Laucelin		On 30th January.
MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH, HAVEE & HAMBURG, &C	HABSBURG	Ger. str	k, w.	Filler	MELCHERS & Co.	
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG &c	SCANDIA	Ger. str	k.w.	v. Döhren	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 9th January.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	BIAM	Swed. atr		200 200 200 200 200 100	Melchers & Co	Middle of January.
HAVRE, ROTTERDAM&HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SEGOVIA	Ger. str	k. w.	Sachs,	Hamburg-Amerika Linis	To-day.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c	ABAGONIA	Ger. str	k.w.	Deinst ,	Hamburg-Amerika Linie	On 15th January.
ANTWERP, ROTIERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	C. FERD. LAEISZ	Ger. str	k. w.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIM	On 24th January.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c	BAXONIA	Ger. str	k, w.	Habel		On 14th February,
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NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRATAR &C. III	SACHSEN	Ger. str		Woltemas	. +	On 1st Jan., at Noon.
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JAVADRAE, QU., VIA RINGA PERRE AR	E. F. FERDINAND	Aus. str.	, —	Matcovich	SANDER, WIELER & Co	About 26th inst.
ME W I LOW	ALBENGA	Ger. str		Petersen	CABLOWITZ & Co	About 25th inst.
A P W TOMA VIA PUNTB & BUKE CANAL	INDRAFURA	Am. str	 ·		SHEWAN TOMES & Co	About 8th January.
NEW YORK VIA T Seede L OTTO CLASSAT	ERROLL	Brit. str	., · ·		STANDARD OIL Co	About 17th January.
BALTIMORE & NEW YORK	4 _ 1 .	Am. str.	<u> </u>	Thompson		About 25th January
BALTIMORE & NEW YORK	JESEEIC INDEA	Brit. str	2 m.	2 Dompoot	CANADIAN PACIFIC B. Co	On 16th Jan., at 4 P.
YANCOUYER VIA BHANGHALJAPAN, &c	EMPRESS OF INDIA				CANADIAN PACIFIC B. Co	On 29th Jan, at Noo
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str	Th.	Comlan		On 28th January.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA YIA JAPAN	KUMERIC.	Am, str.	,		Dodwell & Co., Ltd	On 28th inst., at No.
CALLAO AND IQUIQUE, VIA JAPAN PORTS, &c.	KATHERINE PARK	Brit. str		0. 71 0	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA POET DARWIN &c	ALDENHAM	Brit. str	· -	St. John George		On 28th inst., at Noo
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	TAIYUAN	Brit. str	lm,	L. Dawson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 1st Jan., at 4 P.1
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA		Ger. str		J. Minssen	MELCHERS & Co	On 2nd Jan., at 5 P.1
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	1 '		lm,	W. B. Brown	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	
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JAPAN NINCIPO		Brit. str.	_	W. P. Baker	JARDINE, MATRESON & Co., LD.	To-day, at Noon.
SHANGHAI VIA NINGPO	KWONGSANG	Brit. str	===		P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 23rd inst.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SUNDA	' - '	· ·		Hambueg-Amerika Linis	To-day.
SHANGHAI KOBE & YOKOHAMA	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Ger. str	k, w.			To-day.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOFAMA		Ger. str	k.w.	ANKER	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIB	About 23rd inst.
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SHANGHAI		Brit. str	Ĺ	L. D. Northcombe	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 26th inst., at 4 P
SHANGHAI & VLADIVOSTOCK	· ·	Rus. str			MELCHERS & Co.	On 26th inst.
SHANGHAI	ARCADIA	Brit. str	. 1	A. L. Valentini	P. & O. S. N. Co	About 27th inst.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA KOBE & MOJI	FOORSANG	Brit. str		W. E. Sawer	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 28th inst., at 3 P
		Brit. str		F. Northcombe		On 30th inst, at 4 P
SHANGHAI	Yochow	Brit. str.	. ,	A. E. Sandhach	JARDINE, MATRESON & Co., LD.	On 30th inst,, at 4 P
SHANGHAI		.	1	H. A. Wavell	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 31st inst., at 4 P.
SHANGHAI		Brit. str	Į.	T Desarah	MELCHERS & Co	About 1st January.
SHANGRAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	1 4	Ger. str		F. Proesch		To-day, at 4 P.M.
NINGPO			i ,	H. Harder	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	1 _ ·
FAMSUI VIASWATOW & AMOY		Jap. str		H.S. Smith	OBAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 29th inst., at 9 A
ANPING VIA SWATOW, AMOY & TAKAO		Jap. atr		T. Ito	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Dayli
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW		Brit. str	2 h.	J. S. Reach	Douglas Lapraik & Co	On 27th inst, at 10.
HONGAY	l. •4•	Brit. str	1	W. O. Jones	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 10 A.M.
		Brit: str		A. W. Outerbridge	1 - 4-	To-day, at 4 P.M.
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MANILA				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	JABDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 3rd Jan., at 4 P.:
MANILA		Brit. str	1 -	R, Almond		On 4th January.
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.. 9th Jan. 08

Capt. Thompson will leave for above Ports on or about SATURDAY the 25th January, 1908. For Freight apply to

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PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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HONGAY	TYUNNAN"	On 24th Dec., 10 A.M.
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MANILA	"LIANGCHOW"	On 24th Dec., 4 P.M.
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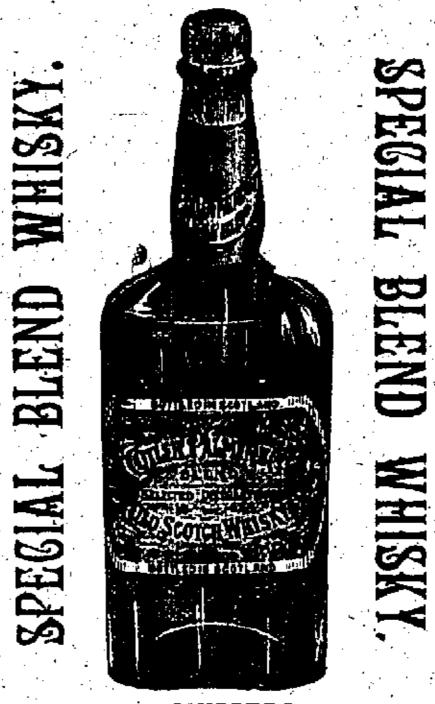
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VESSELS EXPECTED.

Saturday,

Aldenham

28th, 10.00 A,M,

Saturday, 28th 10,00 A.M.

THE INDIAN MAIL. The Indo-China str. Fooksang from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on the 17th inst. p.m., and may be expected here

The Inde-China str. Laisang left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 13th inst., and may be expected here on or about 29th inst.

THE GERMAN MAIL, The 1.G.M. str. Sachsen left Shanghai on Saturday, the 21st inst. at noon, and may be expected here to-day.

The I.G.M. str. Prinz Waldemar left Sydney on Wednesday, the 18th inst. at 10 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 8th prox.

THE AMERICAN MAIL. The T.K.K. str. Hongkong Maru having been delayed by weather and tide at Shanghai, will not arrive in Hongkong until Tuesday, Dec. 24th at about 6 a.m. and will sail at once for Manila.

The O. & O. str. Persia sailed from Tacoma | ... on the 16th inst for Hongkong via Japan ports, and is due to arrive in Hongkong on 15th prox. THE CANADIAN MAIL,

The C.P.R. str. Monteagle left Vancouver a.m. on Friday, the 13th inst. for Hongkong via the usual ports of call. MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The str. Carnarronshire left Singapore on Saturday, the 14th inst. at 6 p.m., and is_due here to-day at daylight. The B.A.L. str. Segovia left Shanghai on the 20th inst. a m., and may be expected here to-day

The H.A.L. str. Habsburg left Singapore on 17th just at 6 s.m., and may be expected here

to-day p.m. The H.A.L. str. C. Ferd. Lacisz left Singa. pore on 17th inst, at 8 s.m., and may be expected. bere to day.

The C.N. Co.'s str. Shantung left Java on the 12th inst., and is due here to-day, The str. Katharine Park from South American Ports there left Kobe for this port

on the 17th inst., and is expected to arrive here The N.Y.K. str., Yawata Maru (Australian Line) left Nagasaki for this port on the 20th inst., and is expected here to-day. The N.Y.K. str., Bingo Maru (European

Line) left Singapore for this port on the 20th inst., and is expected here on the 26th inst. The Ren Line str. Benvorlich from Leith and London, left Singapore on the 18th inst. for this port.

The E. & A. str. Empire left Sydney on the 11th inst. for this port (via Queensland Ports . The G.N. str. Minnesota arrived at Yokohama on 17th inst. at 1 p.m., will leave for Hongkong via usual ports of call on 19th inst., and may be expected here on 2nd prox. The C.N. Co.'s str. Taiyuan left Thursday Island on 13th inst., and is due here on 26th inst.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL. Dec. 2nd - Priam, Sophie Rickmers. (delayed through mutilation). 4th-Austria. Claverburn, Ching Wo, Spesia. 7th-Benalder. Benvenue, Bornes, Glinroy, Sikiang. 11th-Auchises, Banca, Bencleuch, Calchas, Flintshire, Palawan, Suevia, Zieten, 14th-Kawachi Maru. Yarra, Petronia, Prinz Ludwig, Wraycastle. 18th-Dardanus, Verona. 21st-Acara, Tonkin,

Jason, Ningchow. ARRIVAL AT HOME. Dec. 20th—Inaba Moru.

JOINT STOCK SHARE.

H	ongkong	December 23rd
COMPANY.	PAID U	QUOTATIONS.
Alhambra	Ps. 200	No minal,
Banks-		
Hongkong & S'hai	. \$125	\$720. \$710,
	\$.25	Ln. £79. Ln. £77.
National B, of China	£ 6	\$51.
Bell's Asbestos E. A	12a. 6d.	17, buyers
China-Bernee Co	\$12	\$10\\dagger\$.
China Light & P. Co	\$10]	\$6, sellers
China Provident	\$10	\$91.,
Cotton Mills-		
Ewo Rongkong	Tls. 50	Tls. 53.
International	\$10 Tls. 75	Tis. 50, sales
Laou Kung Mow	Tis. 100	Tis. 65, sellers
Soyches	Tla. 500	Tla. 270.
Dairy Farm	\$6	\$16.75, sellers
Docks and Wharves-		
H. & K. Wharf & G. H. & W. Dook	\$50 \$50	\$68, seliers
New Amey Dock	\$6 ₹	\$10, sellers
Shanghai Lock	Tla 100	Tis. 71.
S'hai & H. Wharf.,.	Tls. 100	Tls. 2074.
enwick & Co., Geo	\$25	\$14.
reen Island Cement.	\$10	\$111, sellers
longkong & C. Gas	£10	\$175, buyers
longkong Electric longkong Hotel Co	\$10	\$15.
longkong Ice Co	\$60 \$25	\$100, buyera \$240.
longkong Rope Co	\$10	\$25.
URINIENCOS —		
Canton	\$5Q	\$2421.
China Fire	\$20 \$25	194, buyers
Hongkong Fire	\$ 50	\$10, buyers \$130, sel.ers
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Humphrey's Estate	\$100 \$10	\$10, sellers
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China Sugar Luzon Sugar..... \$100 | \$10, buyers Steamship Companies Chine and Manile. Douglas Steamship. \$50 | \$88. H., Canton & M..... \$15 | \$29₁. {\$40, } sellers Indo-China S.N. Co. Shell Transport Co. Star Ferry..... \$10 | \$21, buyers Do. New..... \$5 \$111, buyers South Chins M. Post. \$25 | \$20, sellers Steam Laundry Co... \$5 | \$6, sellers Stores & Dispensaries Campbell, M. & Co. \$14, sellers Powell & Co., Wm., Watting \$21, buyers Watson & Co., A. S. \$10, buyers United Asbestos \$10, buyers Do. Founders..... \$10 | \$160, buyers \$10 | \$1 01, buyers Union Waterboat Co.

> VERNON & SMYTH. HONGKONG TIDE TABLE, From Dec. 24th to 30th, 1907.

AINE WATER						LOW WATER.				
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Humidity	44	40	83
Wind Direction	E	E	E
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Carlowitz & Co. Amigo, German str., 822, T. N. Baltzer, 20th December - Haiphong, 15th and Hoihow 18th Dec., Rice and Pige-Jebsen & Co. CHEANGCHEW, British str., 1,200 Shepherd, 21st December-Singapore & Hoihow 14th

December, General-Chinese. CHEONGSHING, British etr., 1,256, F. Wheeler, 20th December-Tientain, Chefco, Wei.

bai-wei and Shanghai 17th December, General-Jardine, Matheson & Co. CHIHLI, British str., 1,135, Warrack, 19th December-Haiphong 17th Dec., Rice and General-Butterfield & Swire.

CHILDAR, Norwegian str., 1,102, A. Angensen, 22nd Dec.-Bangkok Dec. 11th, via 8watow 21st, General-Nippon Yusen Kaisha. Chunsang, British str., 1,417, Meyrick, 20th

December-Karatsu 14th December, Coal -Jardine, Matheson & Co. DERWENT, British str., 1,562, J. Jenkins, 20th December-Saigon 15th Dec., General-

EMPRESS OF INDIA, British str., 3,032, E. Beetham, 16th Dec.—Vancouver 26th Nov. and Shanghai 13th Dec., Mails & General -C. P. R. Co.

FAUSANG, British str., 1,410, H. S. Malkin, 13th Dec.—Shanghai Dec. 8th, via Swatow 12th, General-Jardine, Matheson & Co. FOOSHING, British str., 1,423, Arthur, 21st December-Wuhn & Chinkiang 17th Dec., General-Jardine, Matheson & Co. FRITHJOF, Norwegian str., 891, O. Andersen,

14th December-Haiphong 12th Dec., Rice -Asgaard, Thoresen & Co. FURUSHU MARU, Japanese str., 1,090, T. Ito, 22nd Dec .- Apping 19th Dec., General-Osaka Shosen Kaisha

GANGES, British str., 2 721, S. A. Page, 22nd December -- Barry Dock 31st Oct, Coal-Admiralty. GLENESK, British str., 2,274, Rafferty, 30th

Nov.—Salina Cruz 16th Sept. General— China Commercial Co. HAICHING, British str., 1,267, A. E. Holgins, 22nd December-Coast Ports 2 st Dec.,

General-Douglas, Lapraik & Co. HINSANG, British str., 1,536, A. G. Smith, 7th December—Chefoo 1st December, General -Jardine, Matheson & Co. Holstein, German str., 985, Niejahr, 11th

December -- Swatow 10th Dec. General-Jebsen & Co. Ivo Maru, Japanese str., 2,918, Wm. Thompson, 15th Dec.-Kobe, Moji and Shanghai

12th Dec., General-Nippon Yusen Kaisha. JACOB DIEBERICHSEN, German str., 623, Hansen, 22nd Dec.-Pakhoi Dec. 7th, and Hoihow 20th, General—Jebsen & Co. Kohsichang, German str., 1,292, C. Rosiefsky, Woolwich, British str., 1.845, A. Stoker, 13th 12th December-Bangkok and Tourane

7th Dec., Rice-Butterfield & Swire. KUEICHOW, British str., 1,215, Hooker, 22nd YATSHING, British str., 1,426, M. Courtney, December -- Wubn & Chinkiang 18th Dec., Rice - Butterfield & Swire. Kwongsang, British str., 1,428, W. Palmer.

Baker, 19th Dec.-Shanghai Dec. 15th, via Swatow 18th, General, Sheep, Goats and Ponies Jardine, Matheson & Co. LAUDOWN, British str., 2,4 6, A. L. Paterson,

4th Dec. - Moji 26th November, Ballast-Dodwell & Co.

LIANGCHOW, British str., 1,215, Harder, 18th December-Shanghai 15th Dec., General-Butterfield & Swire. LIGHTNING, British str., 2,122, E. Fey, 21st December-Calcutta and Singapore 14th

General-David Sassoon & Co. MACHEW, German str., 998 R. Zöllner, 20th Dec.-Bangkok Dec. 5tb, via Hoihow 19th. Rice-Norddentscher Lloyd. Manila, German str., 1,181, J. Minssen, 14th December-Sydney 19th Nov. and Manila

11th Dec., General-Melchers & Co. MAUSANG, British str., 1,644, R. Houghton, 12th Dec.,-Sandakan 6th Dec., Timber and General-Jardine, Matheson & Co. MEEFOO, Chinese str., 1,339, John McArthur, 20th December-Shanghai 18th December.

General-Chinese, Mongolia, American str., 8,750, R. H. Hathaway, 13th Dec.—San Francisco 16th Nov.,. Mails and General -P. M. S. S. Co. PARLAT, German str., 1,017, J. Wenzel, 9th

December-Bangkok 29th Nov., General-Butterfield & Swire. PATANI, German str., 1,068, W. Hübner, 10th December—Europe via Bangkok 27th Nov Rice and General-Order.

PhBanang, German str., 1,021, Fr. Bücking, 19th December-Bangkok 5th Dec., Rice -Butterfield & Swire. PRONTO, Norwegian str., 838, Ths. Seeberg,

14th December-Haiphong 11th Dec., Rice -Wallem & Co. PROTEUS, Norw. str., 1,025, F. C. Kolderup, 20th December Bangkok via Swatow 19th Dec., General-Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

RAGNAR, Norwegian str., 1,220, H. G. Nielsen, 19 h December Wakamatan and Japan 13th Dec., Coal-Wallem & Co. Riojun Maru, Japanese str., 2,079, T. Irisawa, 22nd December-Kobe vin Moji 14th Dec., General-Nippon Yusen Kaisha

SHAOHSING, British str., 1,307, McIntosh, 21st December-Shanghai 18th Dec., General-Batterfield & Swire. STETTIN, British str., 1,396, J. E. Farrell, 20th

December-Singapore 11th Dec., Kerosine Oil-McBain & Co. TAISHAN, British str., 1,241, J. S. Laing, 17th December - Saigon 9th Dec., Meal-Bradley & Co.

TAISHUN, Chinese str., 1,216, Stevens, 16th Dec. -Shanghai 13th Dec., General-Chinese. TAMING, British str., 1,350, A. Somerville, 20th December-Manila 17th Dec., General -Butterfield & Swire.

TATSU MARU, Jap. str., 1,952, U. Kaneyasu, 21st December-Takau and Formosa 19th December-Chinese. TOURANE, French str., 3,104, G. Laucelin, 22nd.

December-Yokohams and Shanghai 20th -Dec, General-Messageries Maritimes. TRIUMPH, German str., 685, Bendizen, 20th comber-Haiphong and Holbew 19th Dec., General—Jebsen & Co.

ULV, Norwegian str., 885, J. Pederson, 17th December-Haiphong 14th Dec, Rice-Asgasrd, Thoresen & Co. ICTORIA, Swedish str., 989, Hellbey, 4th Dec., -Samarang 21st Nov., Sugar and Cotton

-Asgaard Thoreson & Co. November-Moji Sth November, Coal-Dodwell & Co.

19th December Shimonoseki 14th Dec. Goal -Jardine, Matheson & Co. YUNNAN, British str., 1,205, W. O. Jones, 17th December-Chefoo 11th Dec., General-Butterfield & Swire.

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